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**Councilman Michael Julian Bond to Hold Press Conference on the
50th Anniversary of the Black Power Movement**

ATLANTA – Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond will hold an 11:00 a.m. press conference Thursday, June 16 in the city hall atrium to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Black Power Movement.

The rise of the Black Power Movement was in the 1960s and 1970s. It had worldwide implications that led to self-awareness and liberation for people of color throughout the diaspora.

The sounds of congas and bongos will roll through the corridors of Atlanta City Hall as guests gather to reflect on America's history.

Invitees for the press conference include:

Hank Stewart, Emmy Award winning poet

Velma M. Fann, historical impact on the Black Power Movement

Susan J. Ross will share facts about the Black Power Movement and cities across the country that are commemorating the anniversary.

Beni Ivey, board member for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Legacy Project

Willie "Mukasa" Ricks, first person who shouted black power during the James Meredith March in Mississippi.

Jamila Jones, a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Freedom Singers and the Harambee Singers.

For more information, please call Councilman Bond's office at (404) 330-6770.

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